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INFORMATION REPORT

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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia
SUBJECT Karlovy Vary Airfield

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REFERENCES

1. Location: The airfield is located southeast of Karlovy Vary.

2. Boundaries:

Western: a road leading from Hurka south to Kolova;
Northern: the airfield passes into fields;
Northeastern: the airfield passes into fields; about 200 m. from the airfield is the village of Olsova Vrata;
Southern: a field path.

3. Description of the airfield: The airfield is grassy. It extends 700 m. along-side the district road to Kohlha. The north end of the airfield starts 300 m. south of the crossroad to Olsova Vrata. Average width of the field is 500 m. The runway is 1,000 m. long and it runs from southeast to northwest. South-westerly or westerly winds are predominant.

4. Hangers:

a. One hangar is situated near the eastern side of the road leading from the northern side of the airfield to Olsova Vrata. The hangar has a control tower on the top. Attached to the hangar are the Czechoslovak Airlines administration building and the airfield manager's quarters.

b. On the other side of the road is a smaller hangar belonging to the Karlovy Vary Aeroclub. It is wooden, 25 x 12 m., used mainly for storing unserviceable aircraft, and as a garage.

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5. Expansion of the airfield: The expansion of the airfield was begun in the spring of 1953. A civilian firm is working on the expansion. The airfield is being expanded further southeast and for this purpose part of the adjoining forest, a belt approximately 200 m. wide, has been cleared. Several bulldozers were used for levelling the ground and it is very probable that the runway will be built of concrete.
6. Use of the airfield: The airfield is used by the Karlovy Vary Regional Aeroclub whose members are accommodated in a nearby hotel situated 50 m. west of the airfield and called Vitkov. In 1953 no aircraft of the Czechoslovak Airlines landed at the field.
7. Miscellaneous:
 - a. Motor-propelled aircraft and gliders belonging to the aeroclub are parked at the airfield.
 - b. A radio station belonging to the Czechoslovak Airlines is located in the administration building.
 - c. A meteorological station at the airfield is manned by Army personnel.

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